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For: IMAGE SWITCHING DEVICE AND IMAGE OUTPUTTING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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However, to ensure that these references are available to the Examiner, we are providing copies of these references herewith. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Also attached is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,870,139.

Respectfully submitted,

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